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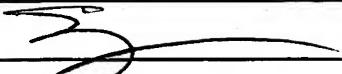
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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	-0-
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	-0-
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	-0-
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	-0-
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	-0-

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent

Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent

Multiple dependent claims

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims		Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
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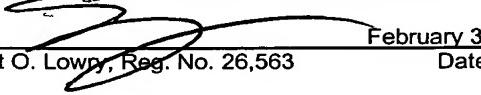
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action dated December 21, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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